

SENATE BILL 884

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16;  
Title 20 and Title 24, Chapter 9, relative to  
requiring general sessions courts to be courts of  
record.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15, Part 8, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section thereto:

16-15-808. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, the  
general sessions court shall be a court of record. The provisions of this section shall not  
be construed as amending any of the current jurisdiction or appeal rights that currently  
apply in a general sessions court. The intent of this section is to allow, upon the request  
of either party, the judge of a general sessions court to appoint a competent court  
reporter, who shall first be duly sworn to make a true, impartial, and complete  
stenographic report of all the oral testimony given in trial of a general sessions case or  
proceeding, as well as the rulings of the judge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.